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Mr. Louis W. Hunter Associate Director International Division General Accounting Office 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20548

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I am forwarding comments prepared by our analysts on the GAO report on the "Status of the Aegis Weapon System." I would appreciate your passing these comments to Mr. David Brinkman in the Procurement and Systems Acquisition Division/MA.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

George L. Cary Legislative Counsel

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CIA Comments on GAO Draft Report

"Status of the Aegis Weapon System"

- 1. The draft report has been reviewed by analysts in CIA's Office of Weapons Intelligence (OWI) and Office of Strategic Research (OSR). The analysts read the report with interest and appreciated the opportunity to review it.
- 2. Since the report does not use any material from the briefing given by CIA analysts to GAO officers on 23 September 1977, we request that the mention of CIA as a source, on page 3 of the report, be removed.
- 3. Analysts in OSR believe that the picture of the Soviet threat presented in chapter two of the GAO report is overdrawn.

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